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In re patent application of

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Group Art Unit: 3616

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For: RESTRAINING AND PROTECTING APPARATUS FOR VEHICLE OCCUPANT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.98 and pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, applicant respectfully brings the following documents cited in the Chinese Office Action in a counterpart foreign application and listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. Copies of the listed documents are provided herewith for the convenience of the Examiner. Further, English Abstracts are attached to some of the references.

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Respectfully submitted,

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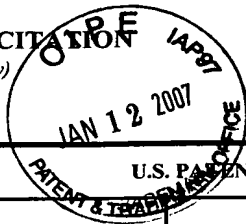
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